Part-time Undergrad Research Assistant Job: 
Health Economics Research

I am a PhD Candidate in Economics looking to hire one or two undergraduate research assistants (RAs) to help with two health economics projects: one on the value of clinical trials and a second on racial disparities in COVID-19.

About the job:

The RA will collect data from various FDA sources on pharmaceutical drugs, indications, approval dates, and changes in FDA labeling based on FDA decisions. The RA will learn how clinical trials in the U.S. are designed and conducted, how and why this design varies across disease areas and subpopulations, and how prescription drugs are regulated in the U.S. This part of the job will take at most 2-3 weeks.

The remainder of the RA’s work will involve working with CDC COVID-19 data. The RA is expected to be proficient in Stata, R, or any other statistical software and will take the lead on data cleaning and analysis. The RA will improve on their technical skills through extensive coding and analysis tasks and learn how to work with real-world data on COVID-19.

Logistics:

Pay is $16.00/hour. RAs need to be work-study eligible and need to commit an average of 10-15 hours per week. The RA role will start as soon as possible and will go at least until 05/31/22 (with likely extension to the summer). The work can be done remotely.

Eligibility requirements:

Undergraduate students who are (1) interested in health economics, (2) federal work-study eligible, and (3) can commit 10-15 hours/week (on average) starting as soon as possible and until at least 5/31/22 (4) comfortable working in Stata, R, or other statistical software.

How to apply:

If you are interested in applying for this RA job, please email me at ristovska@g.harvard.edu with the subject line "RA Application". In the body of the email, please confirm that you are work-study eligible. Then, attach the following items:

- CV
- Unofficial transcript
- Statement (~500 words) on why you are interested in health economics and this position

Note: The work is particularly relevant to economics and/or pre-med students, but you do not need to be working towards any specific concentration to apply.

Feel free to email me at ristovska@g.harvard.edu if you have questions.